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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOICHI SAKAMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SHEVIN, MARK L.
SERIAL NO: 10/564,061 :
FILED: JANUARY 10, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH :
CLEANNESS STEEL EXCELLENT IN
FATIGUE STRENGTH OR COLD
WORKABILITY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 24, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 8-20 drawn to a high-cleanliness steel product.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group I, Claims 1-7, if the elected Group II claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.